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## Take Action: Say "No Way" to Toxic Tax Plan

President Trump and Republicans in Congress have released their tax plan, which gives huge tax cuts to corporate polluters and the richest one percent of Americans. In order to give tax breaks to their special interest pals, GOP leaders plan to slash funding for environmental programs and government agencies like the EPA, NOAA, and the National Park Service, while opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.



### Take Action:

[Tell Congress to reject this plan to protect corporate polluters and billionaires at the expense of American families and our environment.](#)

### Call Now:

Tell your senators to vote NO: 855-980-5639

## Starbucks Falls Short on Green Commitments

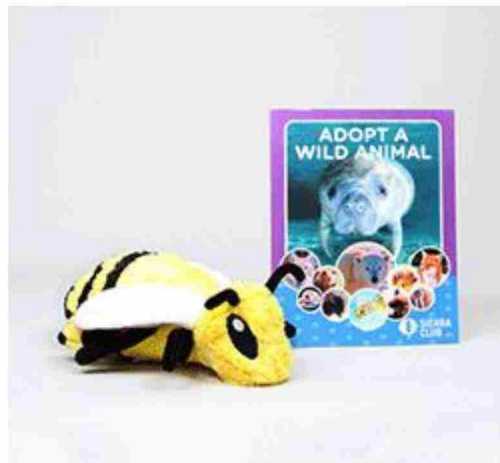
Those Starbucks cups aren't actually recyclable, and you may want to look more carefully under the wrapper of those breakfast sandwiches. A recent report slammed Starbucks for providing single-use cups and gave the coffee chain a D+ for antibiotics present in their meat supplies.

[Read \*Sierra\* magazine's full report.](#)

## Shop Today for the

soft, cuddly animal. Each protecting pollution, and

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## Nature-Lover On Your List

This holiday season consider purchasing a plush as a symbolic adoption of a wild donation will help support our work wildlife, keeping our air and water free from promoting a clean energy future.

**For 20% off and free ground shipping, use HOLIDAY20.**

[Shop today!](#)

## EXPLORE

### Give the Gift of Adventure

Looking for a unique holiday present for the adventure seeker who has everything? Consider a Sierra Club Outings gift certificate—good toward any of our 300+ outdoor adventures.

[Buy a gift certificate.](#)

Photo by Barry Morenz



## Commission Caves, Company Pouts

Four days after a TransCanada pipeline spilled more than 200,000 gallons of oil in neighboring South Dakota, the Nebraska Public Service Commission approved a permit for TransCanada to build the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline through the Cornhusker State. (Bizarrely, Nebraska state law forbids the commission from taking into account "safety considerations, including the risk or impact of spills or leaks.") But the route approved by the commission has been called "unworkable" by TransCanada, which has been noncommittal about whether it will proceed with the new route.

"This much is certain, though," says Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune. ["The fight to keep this pipeline from being built won't end with this decision."](#)



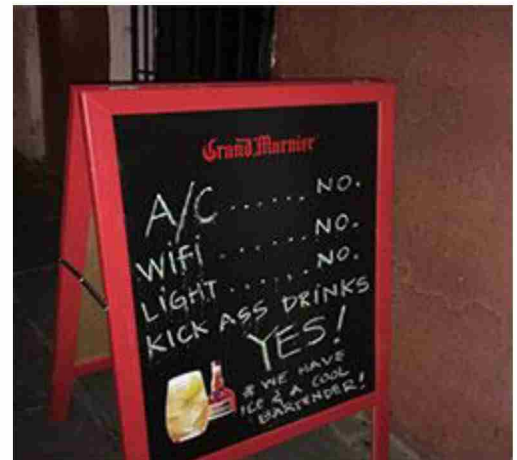
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## Letter from Puerto Rico

Two months after Hurricane Maria slashed across Puerto Rico, the power remains off in most places, and the whirl of gasoline and diesel generators has replaced the island's usual soundtrack of bomba, reggaeton, and salsa.

*Sierra's* Jason Mark just returned from the island, where he spoke with residents, business owners, doctors, and community advocates.

[Read about what he found.](#)



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## The Sinking (Near)

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## Cities and Rising Seas of Future Tomorrow

*Rolling Stone* contributing editor Jeff Goodell *Sierra* about his new book *The Water Will* what it's like to love a city that will be lot sooner than everyone thinks.

[Read the interview.](#)

Photo courtesy of NASA/Nathan Kurtz



## What's Better for the Environment, Paper or Plastic?

Paper or plastic bags? Which is better for the environment? Turns out it's not an either/or proposition.

[Here's what you need to know about which bag is better for the environment.](#)



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### Green Gifts Kids Will

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[conscious](#)



### Love

There's a fine art to setting a mindful while also providing some good old- That's why *Sierra* scoured toy stores, tech outfitters, and adventure companies for that are gentle on the planet but also provide minds with truly exciting fodder.

[Behold some of 2017's most ethically gifts for kids of all ages.](#)

## Put in Your Two Cents

As most *Insider* readers know, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has proposed to more than double the entrance fees at 17 of our most popular national parks during the five-month "peak" season. Zinke claims the fee hike is necessary to help pay for long-overdue infrastructure upgrades, but jacking up the price of admission from \$30 to \$70 per vehicle isn't the way to do it.

The public comment period has been extended to December 22.

[Let the Department of Interior know that our national parks should be kept accessible to all.](#)



## Backpacking in the Big Apple

Say what? "Urban backpacking sounds like an oxymoron," says Katie Brantley, a Digital Storytelling Fellow with Sierra Club Outdoors. "For most of us, backpacking is an activity that takes place *away* from the city." But that axiom didn't stop the Sierra Club's Inspiring Connections Outdoors program from teaming up with partners at Patagonia and a local youth leadership academy to organize a multi day backpacking trip within the five boroughs.

[Read more about sleeping out in the city that never sleeps.](#)



## Bonn Voyage

Sierra Club Hitt and Bruce traveled to Change conference for moving globe.

[Read her watch the](#)



Beyond Coal campaign staffers Mary Anne Nilles and volunteer leader Verena Owen Germany to participate in the COP23 Climate Conference. Hitt came away from the more optimistic than ever about the prospects beyond coal, both in the U.S. and around the

[account of what went down in Bonn and video.](#)

## PROTECT

### Pull the Financial Plug on Keystone XL

On November 20, TransCanada's preferred route for Keystone XL was rejected by the Nebraska Public Service Commission and another route was advanced -- one that TransCanada has called unworkable. That means the company still has multiple hurdles to overcome and the pipeline might never be built. Wells Fargo currently supports \$1.5 billion in loans supporting construction of KXL—out of line with its public commitments to climate action and indigenous rights—that are up for renewal in December.

[Tell Wells Fargo to support landowners and tribes along the path of Keystone XL and pull its funding of this dangerous pipeline.](#)



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